

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

a. Despite his brave talk of reconciliation, it is already clear that Tshombé faces the same threat in the east as Adoula.

b. The insurgents there say they reject Tshombé and will press on with their rebellion. They are in fact oozing westward against little if any opposition from the small and frightened Congolese Army detachments in their path.

c. Tshombé indicates that, unlike Adoula, he will move with energy against these rebels. He has told Ambassador Godley that the North Katangan variety must be "crushed forthwith" and Albertville reoccupied within 15 days.

d. To this end he is bringing his 3,000-4,000 gendarmes back from Angola to bolster the local Congolese Army. This could do the trick in Katanga.

e. It is not certain that Tshombé will use his gendarmes in other provinces. He does hope in time to reshape the Congolese Army, which he says is now little better than a "band of mutineers."

f. The general reaction elsewhere in the Congo to Tshombé has been favorable, although opposition from passed-over politicians will grow with his problems.

2. Cyprus

a. We now have our first indication of what Makarios may have had in mind when he predicted that the next two weeks would be "very dangerous" because of "new laws" being passed.

b. The House of Representatives, exclusively Greek Cypriot now, Thursday abolished the constitutional provision that Greek and Turkish Cypriots must be tried before judges of their own community.

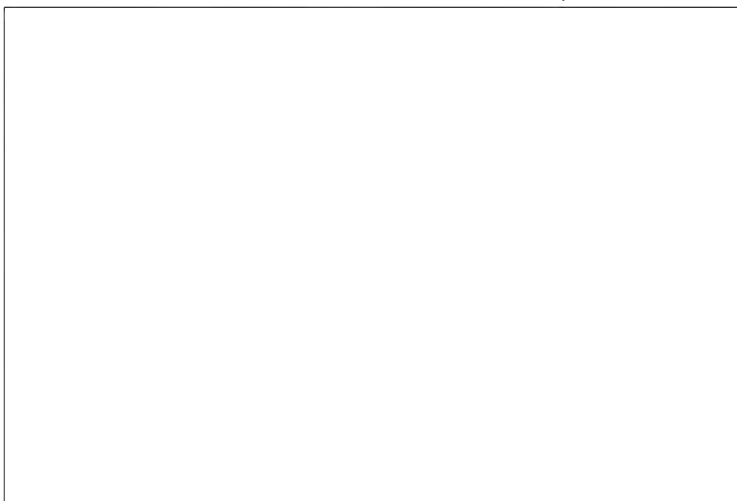
c. The Turks and Turkish Cypriots are apt to react strongly to this latest violation of the basic articles of the Cypriot constitution, though just what form this will take is uncertain.

d. With each passing day the island is turned more and more into two armed camps.

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g. It is hard to pin down just how many Greek regulars are present, but it could be 6,000 or more.

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3. North Vietnam -
South Vietnam

a. A great many signs point to a reinforcement of Communist forces in the more northerly provinces of South Vietnam, where Viet Cong activity has been heavy lately.

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b. The precise extent of the buildup is not known, but among the new infiltrators are North Vietnamese, some of whom were probably drawn from Hanoi's military and security services.

c. We expect to see more North Vietnamese showing up in Viet Cong ranks as the pool of refugee southerners available to Hanoi dries up.

d. No tactical units of the North Vietnamese forces have been involved as far as we know.

e. In an effort to meet this threat, the government is shifting an airborne battalion from the Saigon area.

4. Laos

a. The weather, which had been hampering the deployment of government forces for the move on Phou Khoun, improved yesterday. If the weather holds, these forces should be in position within three days to kick the drive off.

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c. Souvanna, having heard from the King, is seeking replacements for two cabinet ministers under fire for blatant corruption. Both have long been close to General Phoumi, and their removal could trigger a move by Phoumi to reassert his position, somewhat eroded since the April coup.

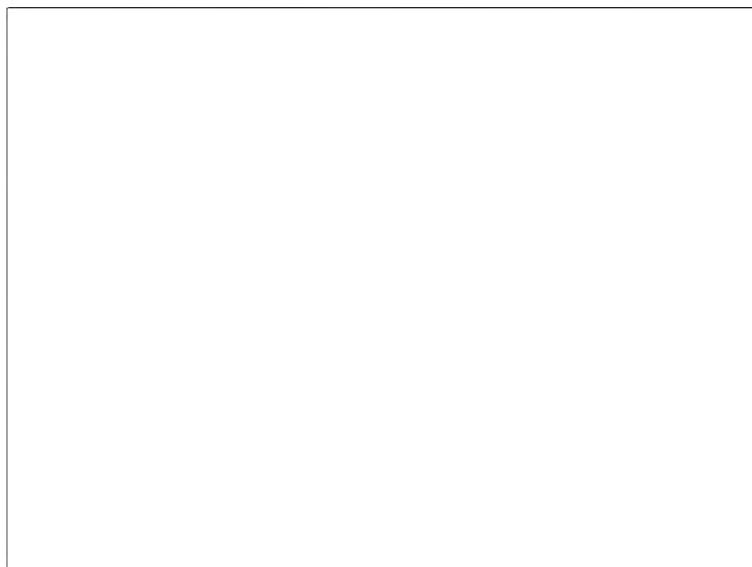
5. France

a. De Gaulle has now confirmed what nobody has doubted, that he will seek re-election next year if his health holds up.

b. If it does not, he still intends to play an active part in choosing his successor. As of now, he leans toward Pompidou. In recent polls, Pompidou has run ahead of Socialist Defferre.

c. De Gaulle is thinking of including on the 1965 ballot a referendum on a constitutional amendment which would designate the premier, instead of the president of the senate, to succeed to a presidential vacancy.

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c. We are fairly sure that the government can contain the kind of harassing action that now seems to be in the making.

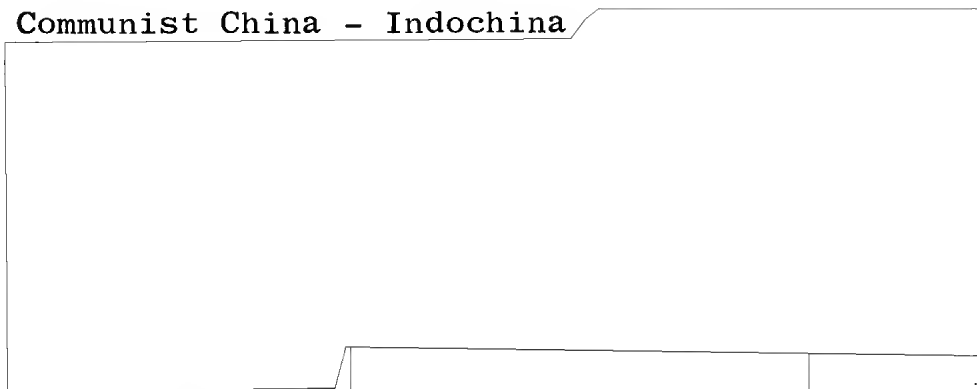


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A. Communist China - Indochina

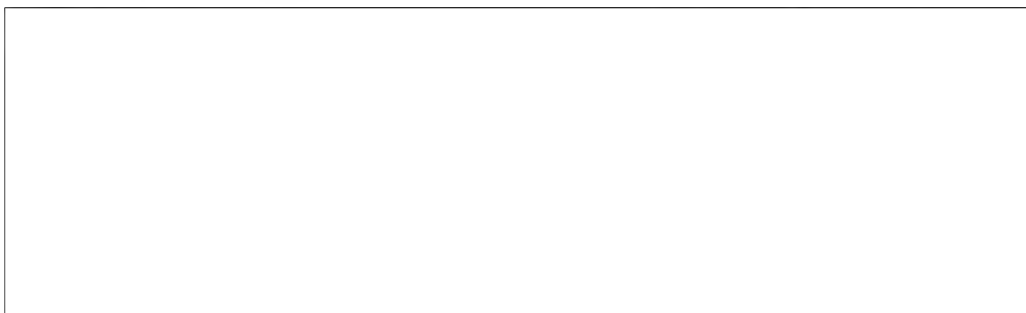
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- B. USSR We have heard that the Soviet ambassador to London left yesterday on a rush trip home to attend a central committee plenum today. Ambassador Dobrynin is leaving today.

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- D. Africa Some 35 African chiefs of state will meet in Cairo next Friday for the first time since the Organization for African Unity was set up in May 1963. A preliminary meeting of foreign ministers gets under way Monday.

- E. Cuba - West Europe An official delegation from Cuba's Ministry of Transportation is due to visit Paris, Madrid, and London sometime soon.

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